Rip Currents

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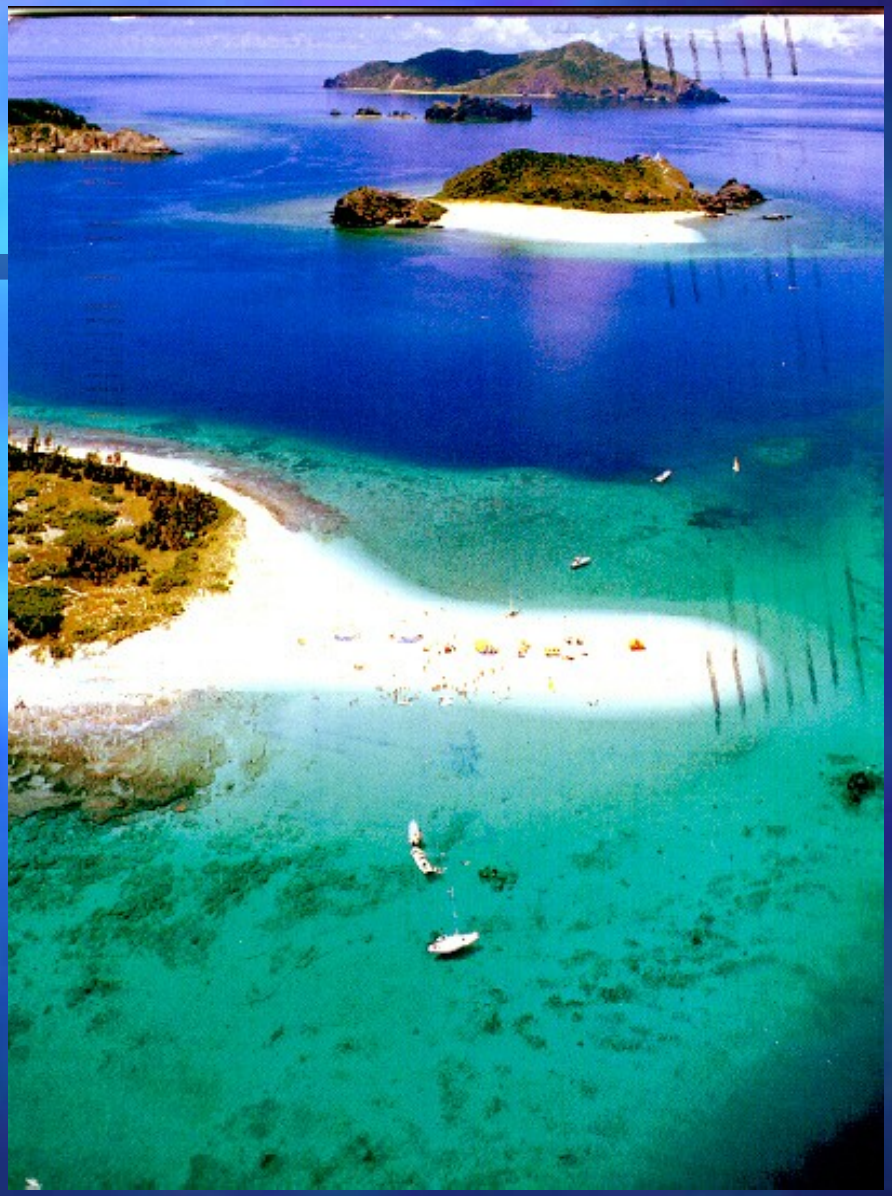
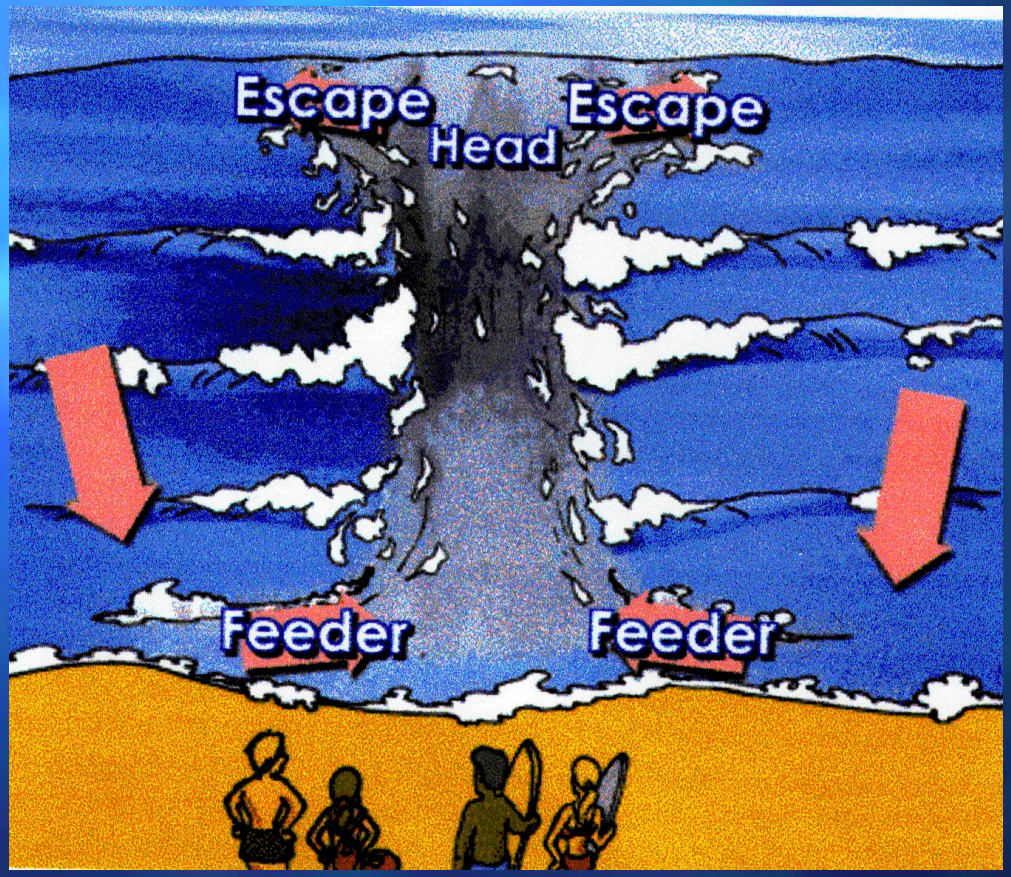


Overview

- Impact of Rip Currents
- Formation
- Recognition
- Escaping a Rip Current
- Other Surf Perils

- 80 % of all oceanside rescues
- Hundreds of deaths per year
- Large percentage are teens, especially body boarders

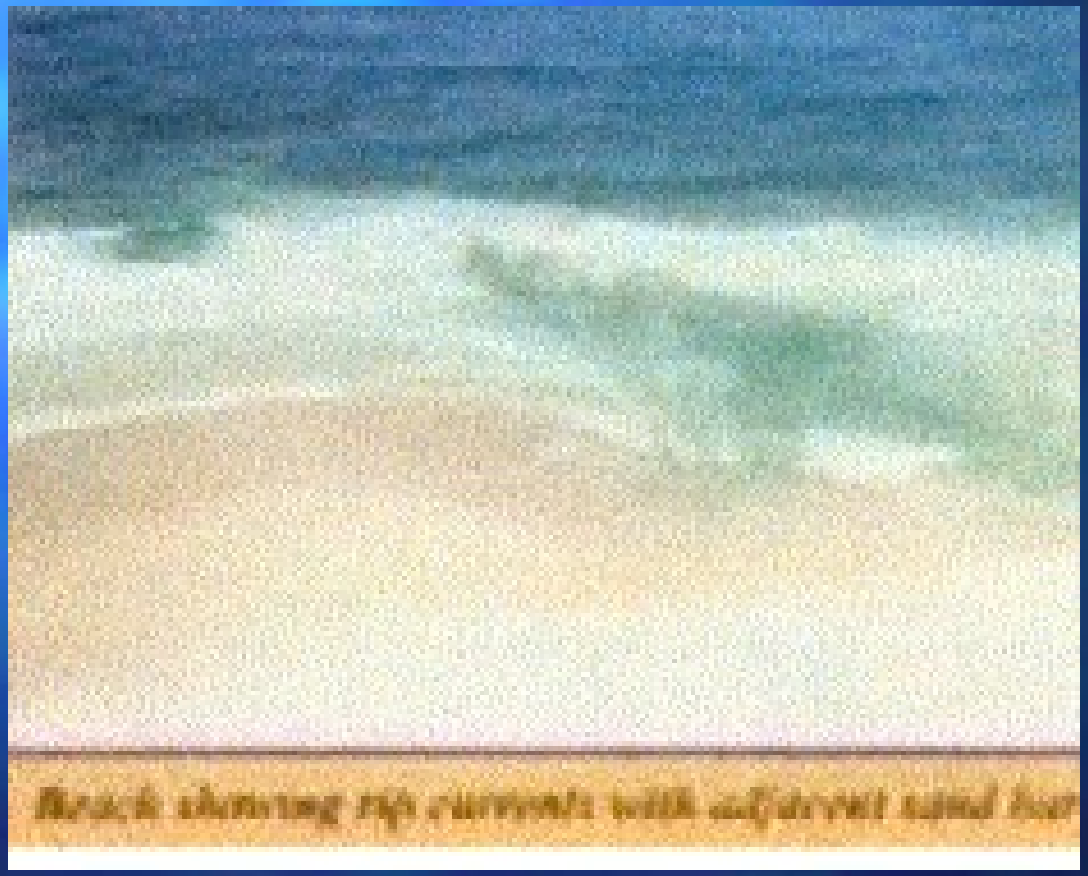
Rip Current Formation



Is that a rip current?

Recognizing Rip Currents

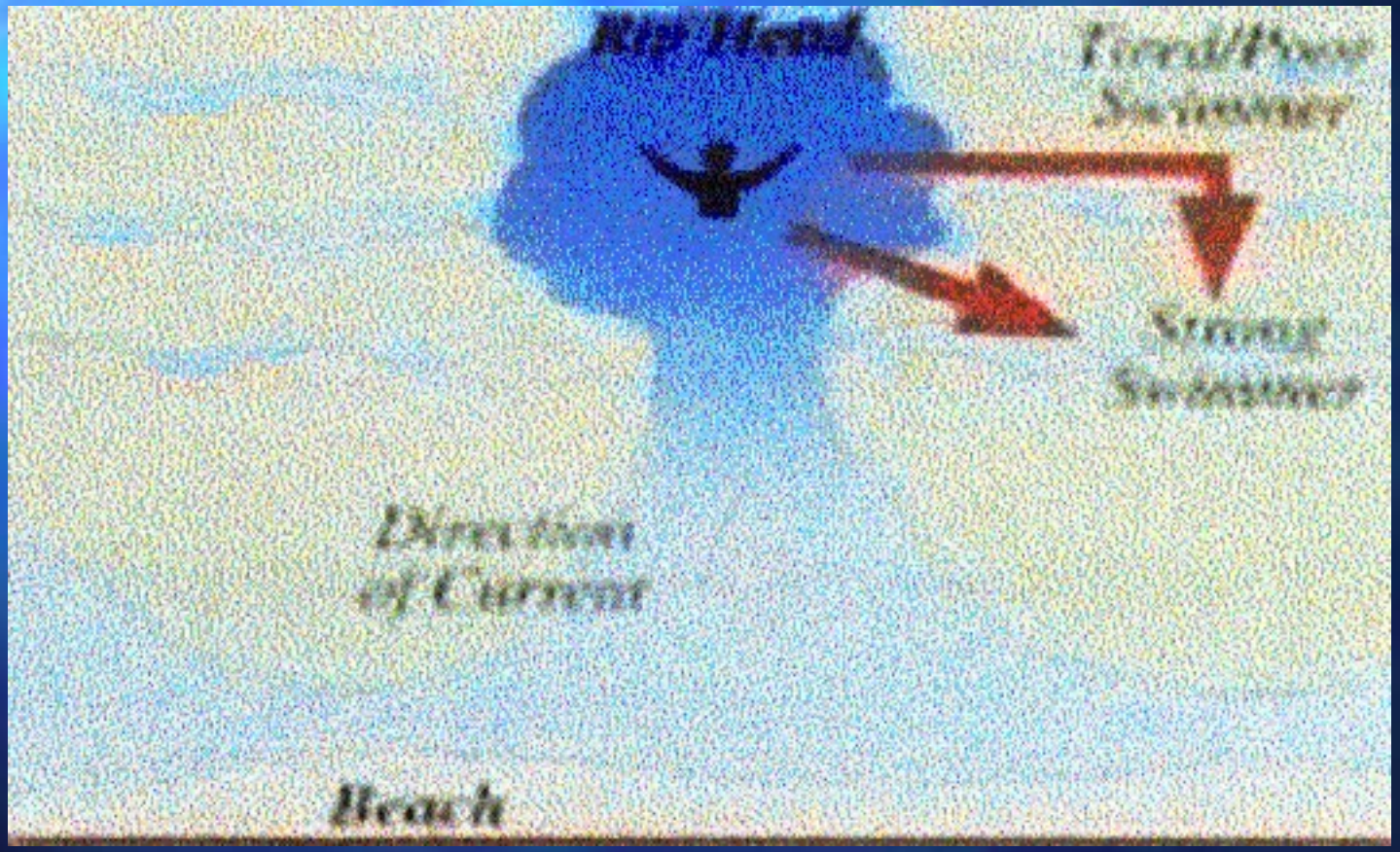
- Foamy or choppy surface
- Poorly formed wave walls
- Floating Debris
- Cloudy water
- Dark patches of water



Getting out of a Rip Current

- Don’t Panic
- Do not swim against current
- Take a parallel course to shore until out of current
- Then swim back in

Evading a Rip Current



When Rip Currents are most Precarious

- Large Waves
- Waves with Direct breaks
- Exceptionally windy
- Direction of wind

Also Watch Out For

- Longshore Currents
- Shore Break
- Holes

Conclusion

- Rip Current impact
- Formation of rip currents
- Recognizing currents
- Escaping rip currents
- Other surf perils to watch for